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### WORK OF HIS QUEEN

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Rulers Deposed in Consequence and Given Pensions, Living in Retirement.

BY WILLIAM E. CURTIS.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star and Chicago Record-Herald.

MANDALAY, April 6, 1904.

From what I told you yesterday and the day before of the royal residence and arrangements at Mandalay you must have concluded that the late King of Burma was a preposterous person, as he was, and that puts it very mildly. No comic opera ever presented a more fantastic monarch, and there was a great deal of tragedy mixed up with the comedy performances of this depraved and degenerate creature. At the same time you will find missionaries and military men here willing to declare that Thebaw was not altogether bad, and that his amiable queen No. 1 was responsible for the blood shed in his name. The massacre of all his relatives is said to have been her own gentle conception, and was so shocking that Great Britain was finally obliged to step in, take charge of affairs and banish Thebaw and the demon he married, without doubt the wickedest woman since Jezebel. Instead of hanging both of them to the nearest telegraph pole the British authorities sent them to Putnashuri, a small town near Mandalay, where Thebaw and his harem have since been living in great luxury with a palace and a park, and a pension to maintain them.

Thebaw has three queens. One of them is his own sister. The others are his half-sisters, daughters of his father, King Mindon Min. His mother was his father's sister, and that delightful couple had only one grandfather between them. They had two grandmothers, however, which was a liberal allowance, for the family was a very close corporation, limited. It has always been the habit of the kings of Burma to take their sisters, and their cousins and their aunts as consorts, because no other family than their own was good enough to marry into, but there was no limit to the harems. In order to keep the royal blood untainted an ancient custom required that one of the daughters of the reigning king, known as the Tabin-shing princess, should marry the king in order to become the wife of his successor, and thus make it unnecessary for the latter to seek a wife outside of the family. And in order to prevent any failure in the line, two more of the king's sisters or half-sisters were usually reserved for his harem. Sometimes they were meek and mild--willing to remain in the background, and gratefully accept a share of the king's caresses, but several of the queens of Burma have been women of remarkable spirit and inflammable tempers. They have often controlled affairs and, as a rule, have made their brother-husbands step around lively.

#### Experience of Mindon Min.

Mindon Min, who was king from 1853 to 1878, had plenty of sons, thirty altogether. His life was made unhappy by the jealousy of his royal consorts, and by the rivalries of his sons, all of whom took what he considered an unnecessary amount of interest in the nomination of his successor. If he had named the heir-apparent at an age when he should have done, the king might doubtless have diverted his attention from himself to that individual, and made the latter's life wretched by constant attempts at assassination. He was afraid to decide between them for fear of the vengeance of the disappointed and his cowardly procrastination caused continual intrigue and turmoil.

In 1896, to assist him in reaching a decision, two of his sons seized his royal person and locked him up while they were taking a vacation at one of his country palaces. He was rescued, but in the shindy three of the brothers, the minister of war and fifteen or twenty of the guards were killed. The conspirators managed to escape and fled to India, where they continued plotting. In 1890 another of the king's sons attempted to dethrone him, but failed, and there were half a dozen or more similar conspiracies within as many years. Yet he continued to reign, and his constitutional duty, probably from personal fear. Some people think he desired to avert fratricidal strife, but he only provoked it, and at last four of his thirty sons were killed in their futile efforts to get him out of the way.

On his death bed he is believed to have formally nominated the so-called Nyan-guay-an prince--the most intellectual, respectable, honorable and progressive member of the royal family. The selection was given universal satisfaction to foreigners and the people at large, for he was highly esteemed, well educated, honest in his dealings and conspicuous for his exemplary life. In this he was an exception to the rest of the family.

#### How Thebaw Was Chosen.

One of Mindon's queens, however, who happened to be in favor with his majesty at that particular time, and was in charge of the sick room, induced the prime minister to insert in the place of Nyan-guay-an the name of her son, Thebaw, one of the youngest of the family, who was still in school and never had been mixed up with court intrigues. There was great surprise, as he had not been reckoned as a candidate for the throne, and his nomination was considered a clever diplomatic move on the part of the dying king. Before the proclamation was issued Thebaw's mother ordered the arrest of his brothers. They were all seized and imprisoned except two, including Nyan-guay-an, who received timely warning and fled to the British for protection. He was cordially welcomed there and means were found to send him quietly out of the country. After the coronation ceremonies, as soon as Thebaw was firmly seated on the throne, his brothers were released and allowed to return to their palaces, but a close watch was kept over them.

Following the ancient custom, Thebaw married two of his half sisters, and through the influence of his mother-in-law, who was a sister of Supayalat, by name, who inherited her mother's courage, determination and ambition. The mother and daughter at once took command of the government, and the son, brother, husband to act as a puppet in their hands. You must admit that it was an extraordinary situation, and even if Thebaw had been what he was not, a man of nerve, intellect and strength of character, he would have had a difficult task to perform. But, making all allowances for what people say of him, he was not the same stuff as his wife was made of and submitted to her will in every matter of importance.

#### Thebaw as a School Boy.

Thebaw spoke and read English quite well, having been educated at the Mandalay Mission School of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Lands." Some of his teachers are still living in this city. They remember him as an apt pupil, with an obedient, industrious, amiable disposition. He was quite well known in the English colony also, as he was accustomed to visit the homes of several of his schoolmates. He dressed in European clothing, was fond of European games and sports, and was described to me by one of his former comrades as "a pleasant, light-hearted, reckless boy." My informant will not believe that he was guilty of the atrocities committed during his reign, and declares that his mother and wife, whom he describes as "merciless she devils," were responsible for them.

His mother, wife and ministers guarded him very carefully. They would not permit any foreigner to come near him if they could prevent it, and never even allowed him to see the British resident alone for fear he might expose their crimes and conspiracies or do something to involve British interference. From the descriptions he seems to have been in a predicament similar to that of the Emperor of China at present, practically a prisoner in his own palace, and the key of his cell was carried at the grille of his door by his mother, who exercised as much authority as the empress dowager at Peking.

This situation was naturally resented by the rest of the family, which was very large, as Mindon Min, the king's father, had more than 100 wives, and nearly all of them bore him children. Twenty-six of his thirty sons were at that time alive, and as most of them took an active part in the government and the politics and intrigues of the court, they continually interfered with the plans and purposes of that gentle lady, Queen Supayalat. Therefore, with the approval of her mother and the co-operation of the king, she had every minister, she had every blessed one of her husband's relations slaughtered, sparing neither sex, infancy nor age. She made a clean job of it.

#### The Massacre.

On the night of February 15, 1879, about eight months after the coronation, the jail in the palace grounds was cleared of the ordinary prisoners, who were taken elsewhere. A large trench was dug along the teak-wood stockade that surrounds it. Messengers went from house to house within the walled city and summoned all the princes and princesses, with all their children, to appear forthwith at the palace. Instead of being conducted into the royal presence, as they expected, they were called out into the audience chamber one by one, bound hand and foot, and escorted to the jail, where they were put to death, without mercy or delay. Most of them were beheaded, but others were stabbed or strangled in struggles to defend themselves. It was an extraordinary surprise party. The party were entertained pleasantly in the palace until their turn came in order that they should not suspect what was going on about them.

The slaughter continued through the night and all the next day until between eighty and one hundred persons were slain. The exact number cannot be stated, because no record was kept and the number of children belonging to the several families is unknown. The only relatives of the king who escaped were Thebaw's mother, his mother-in-law, his three wives and another half-sister, who was in a Buddhist convent, Prince Nyan-guay-an and Prince Mingin, who with their mother had fled to Putnashuri. Assassins were officially sent to dispatch the latter, but the news of the massacre arrived there several days in advance, and, although they pretended to send a friendly message from the king to his brothers, the police authorities of Calcutta interfered and arrested them. After a time sent them back to Mandalay. The two princes who escaped are still living in Burma, having been granted pensions by the British government.

#### A General Slaughter.

The rumors of discontent and the fears of a general uprising caused by the massacre--for several of the members of the royal family were very popular and at least three of the king's brothers were leaders of political organizations--provoked a general slaughter throughout the kingdom until the number of official assassinations reached a thousand or more. Every person of political importance who was even suspected of discontent was removed, including several foreigners, and several attempts were made to assassinate the British resident. It was afterward disclosed that the massacre of Burma was contemplated, ministers, consuls, missionaries, merchants and several employees of the government included. The orders were actually given by the queen, but her ministers, who realized the consequences that would follow, refused to carry them out. "The Merciful, the King of the World, the Friend of the Rising Sun, the Lord of the White Elephant," lost his head entirely. He must have been distracted by the horrors that were committed in his name, for he fled to a monastery within the walled city, where he appealed to the sovereign and his ministers, who, for their own reasons, aggravated his fears and horrors until he became practically demented and permitted his wife and his ministers to plunge the country into a war with Great Britain, which could have only one result.

As soon as he surrendered to Gen. Pendergast he begged for protection against his own people, and at his urgent request he and his mother, his sister queen and two half sister wives, with several members of his household, and his servants, were concealed in covered army wagons and hauled to a steamer on the river, which carried them, without stopping, to Rangoon. Without landing they were transferred to a gunboat in the harbor and carried at once to Madras, where they remained under protection until their present residence at Putnashuri was prepared for them.

When you ask why the lives of these monsters were spared you are told that the government feared an uprising of the people, who, through centuries, have inherited a reverence for royalty and are convinced that their kings and queens can do no wrong. Supayalat atoned to her gods for her crimes by building "the Golden Monastery" on the outskirts of Mandalay, so-called, because the exterior is entirely covered with gold leaf.

#### Old-Time "Deestrick School."

"The Deestrick School at Blueberry Corners" was given last evening at Faith Chapel, on M street southwest. There was a large attendance, and the proceeds of the trustees in the east were represented by Messrs. D. W. Weeks, A. N. Dewey and V. C. Woodbridge and the applicants for positions by Mrs. V. C. Woodbridge, Miss B. Neff, Miss E. Warren and Mr. J. P. Jackson. The latter was selected by the trustees to act as schoolmaster, and in that role splendidly personated Hezekiah Pendergast.

The scholars were as follows: Mehitabe Jones, Miss R. E. Mason; Samantha Piper, Mrs. V. C. Woodbridge; Faithful Snooks, Miss A. Tennyson; Dorcas Doolittle, Miss B. Neff; Matilda Billings, Miss B. Spaulding; Ruth Ketchum, Miss F. Robinson; Susan Crowfoot, Miss L. Brown; Jerusha Dean, Miss M. Garner; Sally Brown, Miss E. Little; Clorinda Geyer, Miss E. Warren; Obadiah Buzard, Mr. H. Kottan; David Snook, Mr. V. C. Woodbridge; Bobby Wright, Mr. T. Garner; Billy Crowfoot, Mr. J. Wright; Sam Dempsey, Mr. F. Lumley; Stephen Smith, Mr. C. Van Fleet; Samuel Snooks, Mr. H. Ferry; Luther Brown, Mr. E. Luckett; Jeremiah Jenkins, Mr. J. McCauley.

#### New Dental Society Formed.

At a meeting of dentists of the District held last evening at the Vero dental parlors, 1115 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, a new dental society was formed, to be known as the National Dental Society of the District of Columbia. The meeting was well attended. The next meeting will be held at the same place Friday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m., when the organization will be perfected and other business considered.

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Walter Gant, colored, thirty-five years old, who lived at Arlington, Va., dropped dead on the Aqueduct bridge about noon today. He had been employed in the city by contractors and was on his way to the side of the river at the time he was stricken. Policemen Edwards had the body taken to the Georgetown University Hospital. Life was pronounced extinct by the doctors in charge, and the body was re-

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